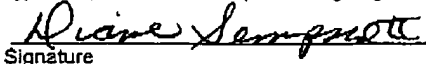


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action dated June 26, 2008, the Applicants have filed this Amendment. The Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejections of the claims and to grant allowance of this Application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments begin on Page 2.

Remarks being on Page 7.